Request for Waiver of Housing Directive

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Housing
Federal Housing Commissioner

OMB Approval No. 2502-0029
(Expires 04/30/2020)

1. Field Office
   National Servicing Center

2. Program and DAS (e.g., multifamily development)
   Single Family Housing

3. Waiver Requested by (person, entity, HUD employee)
   Matt Martin, Director NSC

4. Waiver Item (directive number, date, page, paragraph etc.)
   Mortgagee Letter 2017-05, Page 4, Number 8, Word "Signed" (Partial Waiver)

Relief Sought

A temporary partial waiver of Mortgagee Letter 2017-05 that allows Mortgagees to submit a CT-22 Assignment Claim without having to obtain a signature from the HECM borrower on an occupancy certification. Mortgagees must continue to obtain the HECM borrower's annual certification but are not required to obtain a signed occupancy certification. This temporary waiver on obtaining signatures will be in effect through December 31, 2020.

5. Did a check of SharePoint indicate Prior Approval of a factually similar waiver?
   Yes (skip No. 6)  x  No (go to No. 6)

   If previously approved, give Counsel's name and date of approval.

6. Counsel Determination. The Waiver Proposal does not conflict with statutory or regulatory provisions (cite rule or provision)

Counsel (signature)  Sherece Tolbert
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Date: October 29, 2020

7. Employee Justification (attach additional pages if necessary)

   HECM borrowers are experiencing significant difficulties due to the COVID-19 National Emergency. This includes recommendations from public health officials for all individuals, but especially those over age 62 or with preexisting health conditions, to maintain physical distance from all others not residing in their home. Following these recommendations has caused difficulties for HECM borrowers in traveling to carry out routine tasks such as receiving and sending mail.

   This temporary partial waiver is necessary because of difficulties HECM borrowers are experiencing in being able to received and return mail during the COVID-19 Presidentially Declared National Emergency. As all HECM borrowers are age 62 or older, and this population is at high risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mortgagees must continue to obtain the HECM borrower’s annual certification but are not required to obtain a signed occupancy certification during the period of this temporary waiver.

   Effective as of the date signed by the Housing Director below.

Field Office Concurrence

Name  Elissa Saunders
Title  Acting Director, Office of Single Family Asset Management
Date  October 30, 2020

8.  □ Granted  ✔ Not Granted

   Housing Director (signature)  ELISSA SAUNDERS
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